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# BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

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MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building

**Second Floor Conference Room B** 

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: May 10, 2016

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Theoharis, Public Member, Chair Jay "Wes" Mast, Professional Member, Vice Chair Joyce Edwards, Public Member Tim Harriger, Professional Member Donald E. Pyle, Sr., Professional Member (9:06 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.)

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Theoharis called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Harriger made a motion, seconded by Ms. Edwards, to approve the January 12, 2016 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mast made a motion, seconded by Ms. Edwards, to add the discussion of granting authority to the Division to fast track applications to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Theoharis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mast, to grant authority to the Division to issue Home Inspector licenses, which do not require full Board review. The motion carried unanimously.

### Ratification of Issued Licenses

Mr. Pyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harriger, to ratify the Home Inspector Trainee licenses listed below. The motion carried with Mr. Mast recusing.

Jenkins, Harold E., Jr. Martinez, Edgar W.

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Mr. Pyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harriger, to ratify the Home Inspector Trainee licenses listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Williams, David M. Ciliberto, John B. Orr, Keith A.

### **Review of Applications**

Mr. Pyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Theoharis, to approve the licensure of the Home Inspector applicants listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Williams, James GE Follum, John Hunt, Jeffrey

## Review of Consent Agreement

The Board reviewed the Consent Agreement regarding Frank DiFazio (Cases 39-03-14 and 39-04-14). Mr. Harriger made a motion, seconded by Ms. Edwards, to reject the consent agreement regarding Frank DiFazio, as the proposed discipline was not reflective of the severity of violations and suggested that a monetary fine be imposed. The motion carried with Mr. Mast recusing.

## OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

The Board discussed the issue of ungrounded Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing during home inspections. Mr. Pyle informed the Board that lightning strike testing of this particular material was never conducted, which resulted in house fires. Currently, the electric codes do not require the bonding or grounding of this type of tubing, while the fire and plumbing codes require that this material be bonded or grounded. The question before the Board is who should be responsible for ensuring that the work is completed in accordance to the codes and manufacturers' instructions.

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that the Board has the option to draft correspondence to other professional regulatory boards addressing issues of concern, particularly the overlapping of tasks amongst professions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be at **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 Conference Room B,** Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mast, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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